



Photos by Master Sgt. Bill Huntington

ABOVE: A 442nd Fighter Wing crew chief marshals an A-10 out of its parking spot and on its way to Afghanistan, Saturday. The wing deployed six aircraft and nearly 100 people this week for a four-month Operation Enduring Freedom rotation. RIGHT: Staff Sgt. Robert Dodge, 442nd Maintenance Squadron, climbs aboard a C-17 Globemaster III on his way to Afghanistan.

442nd FW members deploy

By Maj. David Kurle

442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Approximately 100 reservists from the 442nd Fighter Wing, along with six A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, deployed this week for a four-month deployment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The majority of the reservists will be

directly involved in maintaining the A-10 aircraft or flying in combat.

In addition, the 442nd is providing combat support personnel to help maintain Bagram Air Base.

This is the second time the 442nd has deployed to Bagram with a complement of A-10 aircraft to provide close air support for Army units operating in Afghanistan to secure that country and

further U.S. efforts in the Global War on Terror.

This is the third major deployment for the wing since 2001. In 2003 the 442nd became the first U.S. fighter unit to secure and operate from an enemy airbase since World War II as the unit supported ground forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom from Tallil and Kirkuk Air Bases inside Iraq.



AF notifies force shaping lieutenants

AFPN— On Wednesday, 2,084 lieutenants in the 2002 and 2003 accession year groups learned if they were selected for retention by the Force Shaping Board.

The intent of the board was to properly shape the future force by retaining the officers the service needs to develop as the future leadership of the Air Force. Having excess officers in the affected year groups limits advancement opportunities and hinders the service's ability to develop officers with the proper balance of education, assignment and command opportunities.

At Whiteman, the 509th Bomb Wing had 15 officers assigned to the 2002 year group who were affected by force shaping. Eight were retained and seven will be separated. In the 2003 year group there were two officers assigned. One was retained and one will be separated.

"The Air Force values the service and sacrifice of all Airmen who volunteer to serve, and separating officers was a difficult duty for those who were on the board," said Col. Greg Biscone, 509th Bomb Wing commander. "I know it's been a tough process for our young officers to go through and I appreciate your professionalism as our Air Force transforms. To those Airmen who will be separating, we thank you for your service to our nation. We're committed to assisting you during this transition."

Each officer was notified personally of their status by their senior rater. Deployed officers were notified by either the deployed commander or their home station senior rater.

The Force Shaping Board was led by a two-star board president. The board was broken down into panels of five consisting of one brigadier general and four colonels on each panel. Panel members were selected from the career fields of the officers affected.

"The members of this board were charged by the secretary of the Air Force to perform the complex task of right sizing our junior officer force by specialty," said Maj. Gen. Glenn Spears, director of force management policy, deputy chief of staff for manpower and personnel, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

"The board members were acutely aware of the magnitude of their role in serving on the first board thus institutionalizing the FSB process and ensuring the officer corps is balanced and sustainable."

Officers were evaluated for retention based on information in their central selection record. The record contained evaluation reports, decorations, and the Retention Recommendation Form.

Officers not selected for retention will be separated no later than Sept. 29 but are still eligible to apply for the Palace Chase or the Blue to Green programs.

"The Air Force values the selfless service and sacrifice of these officers who volunteered to serve," said General Spears. "We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. It is our hope they will choose to continue their service to our great nation."

Palace Chase applicants should first contact a local guard or reserve recruiter to secure a position and then

their local military personnel flight for an application and assistance with filling out the required forms. Officers interested in transferring to the Guard or Reserve may avoid a break in service provided they apply for this program by Aug. 1.

Likewise, eligible officers interested in continuing their service in the Army must apply to the Blue to Green program by June 15 to ensure there is no impact on their service dates. Officers should contact their local military personnel flight and the U.S. Army Human Resources Command to begin the process. Army human resources can be reached via e-mail at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/opdistacc/IST/CIST.HTM> or via the Defense Switched Network at 221-3764 or commercial at (703) 325-4471.

Those officers looking for opportunities to continue to serve as a civil service employee should visit the Office of Personnel Management Web site at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov> for more information.

Officers not selected for retention will receive an information package explaining any entitlements they may be eligible for like separation pay and their transition benefits such as transitional healthcare coverage and permissive temporary duty. Officers should contact the appropriate base agency for more information regarding the benefits detailed in the package.

For the latest information on force shaping, visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/retsep/forceshaping/shape.htm>.

(Maj. Joe DellaVedova contributed to this story)



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Air Force Quiz

Who will be the 15th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force? (see answer below)

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Air Force Quiz answer

Commander's Note

Personal strength ... key to strong team

By Col. Greg Biscone
509th Bomb Wing commander

This week I took the opportunity to get out and meet many of you in your workplaces.

I'm certainly impressed by your dedication, spirit and professionalism. You understand that to be selfless, you need to be a little selfish first—in other words, you take the time to build your personal strength so you have more to contribute to the people who depend on you every day at work and at home.

This is really the most important step to building strength in the Air Force and the key to ensuring your Air Force experience benefits you during your time with us.

I've asked your commanders to ensure all supervisors spend some time this month with each person they rate to get to know those they supervise.

If you already know the background of those entrusted to you and have a good idea of how they intend to personally improve while they're here at Whiteman, you're way ahead.

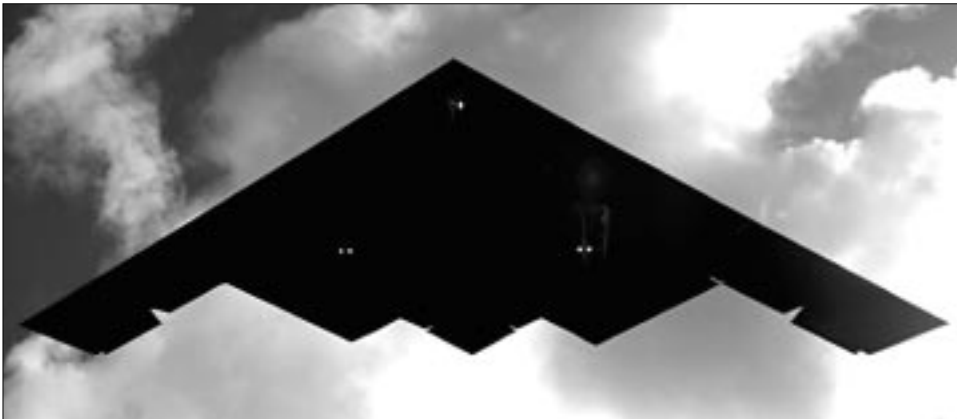


Photo by Airman 1st Class Michael Dorus

A B-2 Spirit prepares to land at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, April 30. The B-2s are replacing the B-1B Lancers at Andersen as part of the continuous bomber rotation.

If you don't, then take the time this month. You've been there and you can help.

I'd like each Airmen to answer the question: Do I have a personal routine that helps me improve a little each day? Also: Am I reaching the goals I had when

I came to Whiteman?

Your strength is the foundation of our strength. We have the people and the system to help everyone continue to improve.

Thanks for taking the time to get it done!

A salute to moms of the military

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ron Underwood

509th Bomb Wing

As this Mother's Day approaches, let all of us dads who wear the uniform say a great big "thank you" to our wives who give so very much so we can do what we do.

Be honest, guys; they have the toughest of jobs! You'd not trade your job for theirs in a New York minute, would you? I know there are plenty of wives in the military who are not moms, as well as moms in the military.

I also know there are those single moms. We don't want to exclude you. However, this salute is especially for all those deserving moms who serve along side their husbands, yet don't wear BDU's, and drag the kids all over creation as a military family.

Dads, growing up as an Air Force brat and now having an Air Force family of more than 20 years, allow me to remind you of the many ways that moms of the military make such a huge difference!

Thanks, moms, for being so strong! You have to put up with so much and you bear up great under the load. The normal civilian wife cannot conceive of what you have to endure as a mom in the military, and you do it so well.

Thanks, moms, for often giving up your personal dreams so that your husband can live

out his and your children can prepare for theirs! You have unselfishly slammed-dunked your own hopes that your family can know happiness. Somewhere in the back of your mind you hope there comes a time when you can get back to some of your own aspirations, but you are too busy to think about that now.

Thanks, moms, for being happy with just the basics of life. We know that base housing is not all that fancy or the Basic Allowance for Housing doesn't enable us to live in a mansion, but you never complain. You make the best of what you are given and are content.

Thanks, moms, for your personal support of your husband's career. There is a lot more expected of him besides 40 hours a week. You are always there by his side, encouraging him onward and giving him great support. If the truth is known, you are a huge reason for his success.

Thanks, moms, for packing up and moving every time Permanent Change of Station orders roll around. Saying goodbye to family, friends and a familiar way of life is not fun. This may be the worst part of it all. Then you have start all over at the next place.

Thanks, moms, for doing it all when he is gone on Temporary Duty, deployment or remote. You are in charge of the bills, homework, teacher conferences, discipline problems, sick kids, doctor appointments, sports activities, grocery buy-

ing, plumbing problems, and anything else that breaks, needs repair, needs paid, or needs maintaining. What a resume of experiences you have!

Thanks, moms, for being both mom and dad at times when he is not around. It is not supposed to be this way. You didn't sign up to be a single parent. But you do it anyway with gusto.

Thanks, moms, for not only making our home a castle, but making a difference across the base. You volunteer in places like the school, hospital, chapel, wives' clubs, thrift shop or airman's attic. You do this, not because you have to, but because you care. That's the kind of person you are. Wow, am I lucky and blessed!

Thanks, moms, for enduring those dark, lonely nights when your very best friend is not there with you when it is time to go to bed. Once again, you are alone. Nobody knows about the tears that wet your pillow so often but you and God.

Thanks, moms, for keeping the faith in your husband, your country and your God when your emotions say give up. Then you pass this same faith on to your children. Yes, he is supposed to be the spiritual leader of the house, but he is not always there. So you do what you have to do. You teach your children by your example. You take them to church, you pray for them and you pray for your husband.

Thanks, moms, for doing all these things and more, and not making him feel guilty. Yes, you could give him a hard time

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about all you have to put up with, but you don't. You know about devotion to duty as a mom, so you understand his devotion to duty as a warrior. And you love on, and on, and on.

Moms of the military, there aren't enough words to say how thankful we are for your deep devotion and love for your husband, your family and your country. You may not wear the uniform, but you serve just as honorably.

If the truth were known, deep inside you probably have a 'Purple Heart', for you have braved the battle for many years and overcome many challenging obstacles. You have developed a tough love for your husband, your family and your country.

It seems that after more than 20 years in the military perhaps they need to come up with a retirement check for you, too!

You sure deserve it. We salute you!

Newsline

Case lot sale set

The Whiteman Commissary will host the annual Spring Case Lot sale Saturday-Sunday. The hours for the sale on Saturday will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

For more information, please call Margaret Joyner at 687-5655.

Navy commander to speak

Navy Cmdr. Kirk Lippold was the commander of the U.S.S. Cole when it was attacked in the Yemeni port of Aden Oct. 12, 2000.

Commander Lippold will have a video presentation open to the base 10 a.m. Thursday at Mission's End.

2006 Air Force Community Assessment

The 2006 Air Force Community Assessment started this month. The assessment gathers the thoughts and perceptions of those living and working at Whiteman.

If you are randomly selected to participate in the survey, it is encourage for you to take the time to complete the survey.

The results will be used by Air Force leadership to improve services to better meet the needs of servicemembers and their families.

Pitsenbarger Award

Congratulations to Staff Sgt. Katherine Marksmeier, 509th Area Defense Counsel and Senior Airman Kristin Allen, 509th Munitions Squadron, for being named the Pitsenbarger award recipients for April 2006. The two recipients were selected May 5, at the All-Schools Graduation ceremony held at State Fair Community College in Sedalia.

Pitsenbarger Scholarships are awarded in honor of Medal of Honor recipient William Pitsenbarger. The grant provides a one-time award of \$500 to selected Community College of the Air Force graduates who plan to pursue their baccalaureate degree.

Blood Drive set

The Red Cross will have a blood drive May 24-25 at the Community Activity Center from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The event, which is sponsored by the Whiteman Officers' Spouse's Club, will have Papa John's Pizza and other refreshments provided, along with a free t-shirt to all donors.

For more information or to book a "Fast Pass" appointment, go to www.givelife.org and use sponsor code "WhitemanAFB", or e-mail Jennifer Belardo at mikeandjenbelardo@yahoo.com.

Cell phone reminder

Base members are reminded the 509th Security Forces Squadron is enforcing the new Department of Defense policy on restricting cell phone use while operating all vehicles on military installations and for government owned vehicles both on and off installations.

The 509th SFS will enforce this policy in two phases. The first phase will be a 60-day education period where offenders may be stopped for violating the new policy but will only receive a verbal warning, not a traffic citation.

Once the 60-day education period is complete, violators will be cited for a moving traffic violation much like speeding or running a stop sign.

Once traffic citations are issued, an offense will result in three traffic points being assessed against a driver's on-base driving record.

For more information about this new policy, contact the NCOI in charge of police services, Tech. Sgt. Richard Coats at 687-4254.

Setting the standard in the ACC

By 2nd Lt. William Boland
509th Logistics Readiness Squadron

The 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Management and Systems Flight was awarded the 2005 Air Combat Command Management and Systems Flight of the Year.

Winning awards is nothing new to this flight.

In 2003, it won the same ACC award for the first time.

"We are excited about winning this distinguished ACC award two out of three years," said Mr. Jim Hill, 509th LRS Management and Systems Flight commander. "Our people are totally deserving of the award; they are all team players and strive to do their best at everything they do."

Additionally, in 2005, flight members earned awards including the 509th Bomb Wing Non Commissioned Officer of the quarter, 8th Air Force Senior Technician of the quarter, 509th Mission Support Group Company Grade

Officer of the quarter, and three 509th MSG civilian of the quarter awards.

Throughout the last year, the Management and Systems flight made ground breaking progress and showed their continuing dedication.

The customer service section developed equipment deployment procedures for the first ever B-2 deployment with flawless results.

During the 2005 Logistics Standardization and Evaluation Team inspection, the flight excelled and six members were recognized on the ACC '05 LSET Honor Roll.

One flight member said, "From Airman, civilian, to NCOs and above, Management and Systems is constantly redefining and redesigning itself to provide the best service to our customers, and mentor and train the best young leaders for our future."

The flight is made up of 26 military and 10 civilians working together as a strong



Courtesy photo

Airman Joan Locke, Hollie Coor, Airman India Brinson, and Senior Airman Andrew Beamesderfer, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, hold up the 2005 Air Combat Command Management and Systems Flight of the Year award along with their previously won 2003 award.

cohesive team and providing tremendous sustainability.

The flight manages the squadron's stock record account, conducts inventories, maintains document control, validates necessary mission capable items and

runs data processing on a day-to-day basis.

It's clear that as the members of this outstanding flight continue to work hard, their efforts and accomplishments will continue to be recognized.

Chief Murray reflects on 29-year career

By Carl Bergquist

42nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs

MAXWELL-GUNTER AIR FORCE BASE, Ala.— After 29 years of service, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said that his Air Force career has been rewarding, exciting and gone farther than he could have imagined.

"For a guy who joined the service because he needed a job to end up Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force was far more than I ever expected," said Chief Murray, whose retirement ceremony is in June. "What I'm most proud of in my career was having the privilege and opportunity to lead and represent the more than 440,000 enlisted members of the service."

After two years in college, he entered the Air Force in 1977 and has seen great change in the service. He said the enlisted force of today is "truly a better force" than it was then, and he attributes much of the change to efforts of those who came before him.

Before becoming chief master sergeant of the Air Force, Chief Murray said there were two great events in his life. The first was marrying his wife, Sherry, "Or should I say her decision to marry me, a college dropout," and the second was joining the Air Force because the economy was bad and he needed work.

Once in the Air Force, Chief Murray said he wanted to be in a front-line position and requested a fighter maintenance job. The Air Force gave him what he wanted and he worked with "three great fighter aircraft"—he F-4 Phantom, F-16 Fighting Falcon and A-10 Thunderbolt II.

He had 11 maintenance assignments during that segment of his career.

At the height of the Cold War, Chief Murray served at a Victor Alert Pad in Turkey, then transitioned from that job to the A-10 aircraft. The transition led to his assignment to Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

"Desert Storm was a monumental (time) in my career because the Air Force gave me the opportunity to use my skills at a forward operating base," he said. "The assignment also led to a Bronze Star, an Air Force General Lew Allen Trophy and my promotion to chief master sergeant."

Chief Murray said he had set a goal for himself as a staff sergeant that if he stayed in the Air Force, he was going to make chief. Once he made chief, his next goal was to be superintendent of a fighter group and he also fulfilled that goal. He said he never wanted to be a command chief, or senior enlisted advisor as they were called at the time, and never entertained the idea of being chief master sergeant of the Air Force.

"Becoming a chief was a highlight of my career but I had a lot to learn," he said. "I had become 'stove-piped' in maintenance and now found myself having to deal with all aspects of the Air Force."

Chief Murray handled it well. He moved from the wing level to numbered Air Force to command chief of the Pacific Air Forces before being selected as the 14th chief master sergeant of the Air Force in 2002.

"Once selected, I stepped forward to do the best job I could, to deal with challenges that came along and deal with what I didn't know about the job," he said.

Chief Murray said he has always tried to use every available tool, such as focusing on developing Airmen capability, career job retraining and balancing the force, and he hopes that has led to an improved enlisted force.

"I took it upon myself that part of (my) job was to reshape the force," he said. "When I arrived four years ago, I told the College of Enlisted Professional Military

Education, 'I can't tell you how to do your job, but warrior ethos must be emphasized in PME.' I'm pleased to see that Lt. Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air University commander, has included that message in his mission briefs."

Chief Murray said his career, "as with all things, has had highs and lows." There have been challenges and sacrifices, and he said his wife and three children have sacrificed the most.

As for what's next in his life, Chief Murray said he really doesn't have any hard plans for the future. He's looking at several opportunities, to include continuing his education or possibly government service as a civilian. He also plans to build a house "with (his) own two hands" and hike the entire Appalachian Trail.

"One has to balance one's life and every life has seasons. The past four years have been a season of being away from home a lot and I owe my family a season of being around them," he said. "One thing is for sure, though. Someday, I will retire to that home I built in the hills of North Carolina."



Scholarship winners named

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett
509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club and Officers' Spouse's Club announced the winners of the annual scholarships during a ceremony at Mission's End April 27.

Luika Bankson was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. Luika will be attending the University of Southern California in the fall. She will be majoring in Business. President Bush, by his example, has been influential by encouraging her to stand up for what she believes in and admit when she has made mistakes. Ms. Britton and Wendy Bankson.



Rebecca Reid was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship. Rebecca has completed three years of college. She plans to graduate from the Accelerated Bachelor of Science Nursing program at Samuel Merritt College. One of her personal goals is to have a career that will enable her to interact with people. She is married to Capt. Darren Reid, 509th Services Squadron.



Marissa McCabe was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. Marissa plans to attend Truman State University as a Biology major in the fall. She admires President Truman and tries to follow his motto, "The buck stops here." Marissa's parents are Susan and Richard Niemeier.



Elisa Best was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Elisa is beginning her lifelong dream of becoming a scientist. She happily fulfills the roles of mother to four children, military wife telephone operator, and student. Elisa is currently enrolled in Central Missouri State University. She is married to Senior Airman Kyle Best, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



Christopher Kirkendall was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Chris will be attending University of Missouri - Columbia in the fall where he will be pursuing a degree in Computer Engineering. Chris hopes to strive like Albert Einstein to find the "new perspective," when tackling the projects of the future. Christopher's parents are Chief Master Sgt. Todd and Suzan Kirkendall.



Melanie Laurie was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Melanie has completed almost two years of college. She plans to attend the nursing program at Warrensburg Area Career Center. She has been attending college part time for five years while her husband completed his bachelor's degree. She is married to Staff Sgt. Justin Laurie, 509th Mission Support Squadron.



Jessica Bogedain was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Jessica has completed two years of college and is currently enrolled at State Fair Community College, pursuing her degree in Human Resource Management. Being married to a military spouse has given her the golden opportunity to finish what she started years ago. She is married to Senior Airman Benjamin Bogedain, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.



Carmalyn Hill was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Carmalyn has finished two years of college and will complete her bachelor's in Nursing from CMSU, and Angelo State University. She hopes becoming a nurse will allow her to be more involved in the community and help others in ways that will truly make a difference. She is married to Staff Sgt. Brian Hill, 509th Security Forces Squadron.



Chelsea Rogers was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Chelsea will be attending State Fair Community College in the fall. She will be studying Dental Hygiene. Susan B. Anthony's quote, "Failure is impossible," is an ideal by which Chelsea lives by. Chelsea's parents are retired Major Eugene and Christine Rogers.



Carly Storms was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Carly will be attending Texas A&M University as a Biomedical Engineering major in the fall. Carly uses Jesus as an example for which to mold her life after. Carly's parents are Senior Master Sgt. Tim and Debbie Storms.



Joanna Bradshaw was awarded a \$250 scholarship. Joanna is in her final year at Park University where she will earn her degree in Criminal Justice. She has always enjoyed school and the thrill of learning something new. She plans to do pro bono work with juveniles in the future. She is married to Senior Airman Chane Bradshaw, 509th CES.



Shanna Heustis was awarded a \$250 scholarship. Shanna will be the first college graduate in her family. She has completed two years of college and is currently enrolled in Park University. She plans to graduate with a degree in Business Management and specialize in Dental Office Management. She is married to Tech. Sgt. Michael Heustis, 509th Maintenance Squadron.



Cassandra May was awarded a \$250 scholarship. Cassandra will be attending the University of Missouri, in Columbia this fall. She will be majoring in Journalism. Martin Luther King Jr. statement, "We are not makers of history, we are made by history" has greatly influenced Cassandra. She knows that through Martin Luther King's actions in history, her future is limitless. Cassandra's parents are Retired Senior Master Sgt. Earl and Susan May.



Savannah Renfroe was awarded a \$250 scholarship. Savannah will be attending CMSU as a Criminal Justice major this fall. Henry "Hap" Arnold has influenced Savannah by having a great vision for his future and working to make that future a reality. She too hopes to achieve great things. Savannah's parents are Master Sgt. Kelly and Nancy Renfroe.



Congratulations

Navy lends a hand



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Four Navy Reserve personnel help move the cargo of deploying Air Expeditionary Force members on a Boeing 767 April 27. The reservists are part of an expeditionary air cargo unit from Kansas City helping the 509th Bomb Wing, which offers them more opportunities to load planes. "We were very grateful the Navy was able to support us in the time of need. We have 60 percent of our section deployed, and that would have been very difficult to fulfill the mission," said 1st Lt. Howard Fullmer, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

On the wagon



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rob Hazelett

Airman Rick Springfellow, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron traffic management flight, applies a B-2 magnet for the LRS on the base honor roll board April 28. The LRS has gone six months without a DUI, which represents a conscious decision by more than 300 people over 200 days, said Maj. Keithn Justice, 509th LRS commander.

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1st Sergeant's View

Think, have fun, stay safe this summer

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's view gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum.)

By Master Sgt. John Watry

509th Munitions Squadron first sergeant

As I write this, May is already upon us and summer is fast approaching. The days are getting longer and the weather is starting to warm up.

Pretty soon the air conditioners will be running at full-tilt, barbecue grills will be in full grill mode and we will be in the heart of the summer.

With summer will come outdoor home improvement projects, family vacations, outdoor sports and other activities too numerous to mention. Along with all these enjoyable summer activities, will come the increased exposure to potentially unsafe situations and possible bodily harm.

It is always the time to think about safety and I hope you keep safety in the forefront of your thoughts throughout the

upcoming summer.

First, be aware of your surroundings. Your immediate area and weather conditions play an integral part in being safe. Just by observing these two simple areas numerous mishaps can be avoided each year.

For example, when using a ladder make sure it is on firm and stable footing and make sure you are not too close to power lines or overextending your reach. Don't use a charcoal grill on a wooden deck. All it takes is one of those hot coals to fall out of the grill and on to the deck and you could have some major problems.

Be observant of the weather. You are asking for trouble if you are out on the golf course or on a boat during a thunderstorm. Likewise, if you will be working in the yard all day, you need to stay hydrated with water (not beer) and you

should use some sunscreen so you don't get sun burned.

Next, stay within your abilities. Too many people injure themselves by pushing the limits beyond their capabilities.

When driving make sure you get plenty of rest before heading out and if you start feeling tired pull over, take a nap or find a hotel.

Your friends and family would much rather have you arrive late than have to visit you in a hospital or worse.

Ease into your summer activities. Just because you could do something last

summer doesn't mean you'll be able to do it the first time you go out this year.

If you like to hike for example, don't try to do a 30-mile power hike the first time out. Go on a couple of shorter hikes first to make sure your body can still handle it.

Think before you act. Another word for this is: plan. This one gets many of us in trouble because

we don't fully think about what we are about to do.

How many times have you heard, "I guess I wasn't thinking about that" after an accident has occurred? Think of the things that could go wrong with whatever it is you're doing.

An example of this is if you are going to do some digging in the yard, you better make sure you know where any utilities are or you might get a big surprise. Also, if you hesitate because you have that inkling something may not go as planned, it is best to regroup and rethink your plan of action before you continue.

Finally, and most importantly, alcohol and many summer activities don't mix. When people start drinking they usually stop thinking and begin to forget all the simple things I mentioned above.

Stay away from alcohol for any water activities, like water skiing and swimming. When doing home improvement projects, watch your alcohol intake. You are just begging for something to go wrong if you operate a power saw while being liquored up or work on your roof after drinking a six-pack of beer.

It should go without saying that operating a motorized vehicle and drinking alcohol do not go together; this includes riding lawn mowers, dirt bikes, four wheelers and anything else you can think of.

I hope each of you keep these things in mind when you are out there enjoying the upcoming season.

You are all too valuable to your family, friends and the Air Force community to let a preventable accident maim or kill you.

By keeping safety in the forefront of your thoughts you have a much greater chance of having a safe, accident free and enjoyable summer.

“
Think before you act.
Another word for this is:
plan. This one gets
many of us in trouble
because we don't fully
think about what we are
about to do.”

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Photo by Maj. Joe DellaVedova

John Luke and Tech. Sgt. Glen Simons
509th Civil Engineer Squadron

John Luke and Tech. Sgt. Glen Simons, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron received the Whiteman Spirit Award April 24 from

Col. Eric Single, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander.
Debbie Kermick, 509th Services

Squadron, nominated Mr. Luke and Sergeant Simons for the awards

Due to storm activity, the lighting on the baseball fields had been damaged.

Mrs. Kermick put a work order in to have the lighting repaired and Mr. Luke and Sergeant Simons were assigned the job.

“Once they assessed the situation at the fields they realized that the lights had blown off the poles and were a total loss with both the bulbs and the lenses shattering,” Mrs. Kermick said. “These two came to the youth center offices and told me about the damage. They said they had marked the area with a red boundary so no one would go near the glass until it could be cleaned up.”

They returned to the youth center to inform Mrs. Kermick they had located a groundskeeper with a vacuum and were going to take him over to the field to get the glass picked up before any children began practice that evening.

Once that was accomplished, Mr. Luke and Sergeant Simons returned to the youth center and let Mrs. Kermick know the glass had been removed and to keep an eye out for pieces that might not have been seen.

“What better customer service could we ask for—not only was the problem handled quickly and efficiently but these gentlemen insured the safety of our coaches and youth.

“It seemed they were determined to finish the job and take care of every aspect of it for our organization.”

Mr. Luke personally speaking

Time on Station: Five years

Time in Service: Five years as a civil

service employee, 26-years in the Air Force
Hometown: Orange Park, Fla.

Spouse: Donna

Hobbies: Reading, hiking and yard work

Best thing about Whiteman: The people at Whiteman

Pet Peeves: Leaders (at all levels) who make decisions based not on what is best for the mission or the troops, but based on their personal ego or what is most advantageous for themselves

What motivates your winning spirit?
The desire to give the customer the best product and service I can.

Sergeant Simons personally speaking

Time on Station: Five years, three months

Time in Service: 15 years, nine months

Hometown: Chicago, Ill.

Spouse: Tammy

Children: Two daughters, Courtney, 8, and Ashley, 6.

Hobbies: Spending time with my family and gardening

Goals: To be the best NCO and technician I can be

Best thing about Whiteman: My squadron. We're a team AND a family – engineers carry the load!

Pet Peeves: Dishonesty and people who lose sight of the mission

What motivates your winning spirit?
Being a part of making “Global Reach, Global Power” a reality every day

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? To get more degree programs offered through the Education Office. The schools we have are doing a great job, but not everyone wants their degree in business management

138 Whiteman members earn degree

More than 135 base members received their official Community College of the Air Force degrees at a graduation ceremony May 5 at the State Fair Community College main campus in Sedalia. The Whiteman graduates are:

Robert Agard, Information Systems Technology
Rachel Alejandro, Airway Science
Daniel Algarin, Electronic Systems Technology
Kristen Allen, Munitions Systems Technology
Shawn Allen, Logistics
Rene Allende, Information Management
Ricky Anderson, Radiologic Technology
Gemma Arnuco, Mental Health Services
Neil Atherton, Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Edward Birdow, Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Charles Bouldin, Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Timothy Bouseman, Instructor of Tech and Military Science
Chane Bradshaw, Ecological Controls
Thomas Brent, Munitions Systems Technology
Charles Bridges, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Charles Bridges, Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Matthew Bult, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Darlene Buss, Human Resource Management
Matthew Cady, Human Resource Management
Leah Calahan, Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Michelle Cardona, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Jeffery Cates, Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Victor Chavez, Metals Technology
Loren Cheney, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Arthur Chesley, Munitions Systems Technology
Hoyoon Chung, Munitions Systems Technology
Karin Clark, Avionic Systems Technology
Robin Clemens, Criminal Justice
Douglas Clifton, Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Alanna Close, Logistics
Eric Collins, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Glen Conen, Criminal Justice
Michael Contursi, Avionic Systems Technology
Randolph Crosslin, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Gerald Crowley, Airway Science
Casandra Curtis, Emergency Management
Regina Dale, Munitions Systems Technology
Brandon Denmon, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Owen Dismuke, Munitions Systems Technology
Joseph Eccleton, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Christopher Edsall, Avionic Systems Technology
David Everett, Electronic Systems Technology
William Everett, Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Meredith Fekkers, Logistics
Steven Fines, Criminal Justice
Jarid Fitzgerald, Avionic Systems Technology
Mark Frederick, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Dietrich Gale, Fire Science
Shana Gale, Allied Health Sciences
William Gutierrez, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
David Hamilton, Criminal Justice
Leila Hemenway, Information Management
David Hodges, Transportation
Aaron Hoeffling, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Craig Hoivik, Electronic Systems Technology
Jason Homeyer, Aviation Maintenance Technology
William Howell, Avionic Systems Technology
Michael Hutchins, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Frank Jones, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Robert Kidd, Munitions Systems Technology
Robert Kidd, Airway Science
Joshua Kulinski, Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Stephen Lang, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Lakin Lankford, Contracts Management
Jonathan Latson, Munitions Systems Technology
Toi Little, Logistics
Michelle Mahurin, Financial Management
David Manger, Metals Technology
Katherine Marksmeier, Paralegal
Manuel Marrero, Biomedical Equipment Technology

Jacob Marsh, Electronic Systems Technology
Neoklis Martin, Public Affairs
Brian McDermott, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Jerico McInnis, Criminal Justice
James McFarland, Dental Assisting
Jessica McWilliams, Allied Health Sciences
David Mendez-Priego, Pharmacy Technology
Donald Munson, Avionic Systems Technology
Jeffrey Nelson, Munitions Systems Technology
Dominique Nevers, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Duong Ngo, Logistics
Richard O'Brien, Human Resource Management
Patrick Odom, Criminal Justice
Jared Orientale, Avionic Systems Technology
Jacob Ortiz, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Michael Parks, Avionic Systems Technology
Shayne Pederson, Vehicle Maintenance
Timothy Perkins, Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology
Monika Perry, Pharmacy Technology
Dee Ann Poole, Public Affairs
Gloria Rapkin, Allied Health Sciences
Sunny Reed, Public Health Technology
Kelli Remmert, Optometric Technician
Elijah Reynolds, Information Systems Technology
Michael Rich, Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Jeffrey Richards, Avionic Systems Technology
Lawrence Rigdon, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Alejandro Rivas, Avionic Systems Technology
Corie Roberts, Radiologic Technology
Barbara Rollins, Airway Science
Anthony Ross, Criminal Justice
William Runyan, Avionic Systems Technology
William Runyan, Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Bryan Sanders, Criminal Justice
Michael Sands, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Glen Sasek, Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Steve Savage, Information Management Technology
Erin Saxsma, Vehicle Maintenance
Anthony Scaff, Aviation Maintenance Technology
William Selem, Munitions Systems Technology
James Settle, Munitions Systems Technology
David Shirley, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Kendal Short, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Tammy Shumate, Human Resource Management
Antaeus Silas, Avionic Systems Technology
Jeffrey Smoldt, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Matthew Speaks, Electronic Systems Technology
Angelique St Pierre, Instructor of Technology and Military Science
Jennifer Stewart, Munitions Systems Technology
Matthew Summers, Public Affairs
Edward Tafolla, Human Resource Management
Gregory Tesch, Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Nathan Thran, Avionic Systems Technology
Daniel Tuers, Aviation Management
Hans Umhoefer, Bioenvironmental Engineering Technology
William Vance, Aviation Maintenance Technology
Timothy Vansant, Contracts Management
Ronald Wallace, Munitions Systems Technology
Jerry Waller, Aircraft Armament Systems Technology
Bain Walling, Financial Management
Andrea Walton, Nondestructive Testing Technology
John Watry, Human Resource Management
Benjamin Weisensel, Avionic Systems Technology
Westrum Kenneth, Explosive Ordinance Disposal
Dewayne Whinery, Mechanical and Electrical Technology
Dewayne Whinery, Criminal Justice
Kimberley White, Munitions Systems Technology
Guy Witt, Logistics

Celebrating National Police Week

By Jerry Osban
509th Security Forces Squadron

Every year, law enforcement agencies across America honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. May 15 is National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week containing May 15 is National Police Week.

Law enforcement agencies around the nation hold events from memorial services to open houses and use the week as a time to strengthen or renew the bonds between the community and law enforcement.

This year during National Police Week, McGruff the Crime Dog, will be going to the school to remind kids about summer safety and his programs on his Web site. The 509th Security Forces Squadron will be passing out blue ribbons for vehicle antenna's and attend-

ing a memorial service with local police agencies.

McGruff invites everyone to attend a demonstration at the base exchange, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. May 20. Demonstrations will include weapons and vehicle display's, K-9 demonstrations at 11:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. and child ID. Informational pamphlet's will also be handed out covering topics from school bullies, shoplifting, vandalism and other important topics.

Come out and meet 509th SFS personnel from the best large security forces unit in Air Combat Command. Get an up close look at the equipment that they use on a daily basis and watch the K-9 demonstration.

For more info on crime prevention, contact Jerry Osban at 687-4482 or e-mail jerry.osban@whiteman.af.mil.

National Police Week 509th Security Forces schedule of events

Monday — Starting at 6:30 a.m., the 509th SFS will pass out blue ribbons at all gates, which are a symbol of support for law enforcement.

Monday — 5:30 p.m., the 509th SFS will support a Sedalia memorial service. During the service, the names of not only state and local civilians will be read, but the fallen Air Force security forces members over the last year as well.

May 19 — 8:30 a.m., McGruff the Crime Dog will visit the school to read a story to the kids. McGruff will also inform the kids about the McGruff web page. On this page are lots of activities the kids can do, read a story, print out pages to color, word searches and there are interactive pages as well.

May 20 — 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., 509th SFS will have a weapons and vehicle display, and a K-9 demonstration at the base exchange. They will be handing out pamphlets, talking to the public about crime prevention and Child ID for parents who want to fingerprint their kids and McGruff will be there.

FCC: A rewarding career

Family Child Care is a rewarding career where you can earn money staying home with your own children while helping support the military mission by caring for children of working parents.

FCC providers take care of our future and help teach children the skills they will need to relate to others. Every day brings something new when you are a FCC provider.

FCC providers grow along with the children they care for. FCC providers become an extended part of the children's families and the children they care for become part of their family.

Whiteman's FCC providers were honored Thursday at the annual Provider Appreciation Ceremony. During the ceremony Laura Morris was recognized as Whiteman's 2005 Provider of the Year. The 13 women recognized had to attend a 36-hour orientation class, complete 15 Air Force training modules, attend a minimum of 24 hours of additional training each year, have extensive annual background checks, and complete monthly unannounced inspections by FCC staff.

All of the FCC providers at Whiteman are proud of what they do for their community. The providers follow a posted daily schedule filled with wonderful activities. All providers serve USDA-approved meals and some providers offer field trips to places such as Paradise Park, the zoo, Tunnel Town, etc. as part of their program. They work hard to achieve professional success by completing extra training hours and electing to become accredited through the National Association for Family Child Care.

The FCC program provides flexibility to those parents who need shift care, evening and weekend care. There is a great need for FCC providers, and the rewards are great. For more details in becoming a FCC provider, contact the FCC office at 687-5590 or stop by the office at 305 Gray Lane, right behind the Whiteman Inn. This may be the career you have been waiting for. *(Courtesy of the Family Child Care office)*



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. John Anderson, 509th Mission Support Group deputy commander, presented Laura Morris with Whiteman's 2006 FCC Provider of the Year award March 9.

Team Whiteman Community

Wallyball Tournament

Today is the last day to sign up for the wallyball tournament. Games will be played Tuesday – Thursday from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the fitness center. For more information, call the fitness center at 687-5496.

Brat Burn

The Annual Chiefs’ Group brat burn will take place 11 a.m. Thursday near the fitness center softball field. The cost is \$4, which includes a quarter - pound brat, beans, potato salad and drink.

Guests are invited to watch the 1 p.m. softball game featuring the Chiefs and Shirts team playing against the Airman Leadership School and First Term Airman’s Center team.

For tickets and more information, see one of the 509th Bomb Wing chiefs.

Car Wash set

There will be a car wash on May 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 5: p.m. in the BX parking lot to support the 2006 Senior NCO Induction Banquet. Any donations are appreciated.

Volunteer opportunity

The Red Cross is in need of volunteers

for their upcoming blood drive on the 24th and 25th of May, from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. each day. The main job of volunteers will be to recruit donors outside the following sites: base exchange, commissary, clinic, fitness center and bowling alley.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Ms. Emily Bach at (573) 489-2450 or bachea@usa.redcross.org.

History Museum offers free entry

The Airline History museum, located in downtown Kansas City, offers free entry to military members and dependents from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 27 and, noon to 3 p.m. May 28. For more information, visit www.airlinehistorymuseum.com.

Vacation Bible School

The base chapel is getting ready to trek on an Arctic Adventure, which is the theme to this year's vacation bible school June 5 - 9. Each day, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., there will be bus service provided through base housing as children ages 4 years-old through 6th grade, take an Arctic Adventure to learn more about God.

Registration forms for kids and volunteers can be e-mailed or be picked up at the chapel.

T-shirts with iron transfers will be available for \$5, and all monies should be turned in to the chapel before June 1. For more information call Larri Smith at 687-3652 or email at larri.smith@whiteman.af.mil.

Education

Call the base education center at 687-5750 for more details on these events.

ACT testing set

The Base Education and Training Flight will offer the American College Testing assessment on 16 Jun at 7:30 a.m. To sign up please e-mail the test examiner at ron.johnson@whiteman.af.mil.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for more details on these family support center activities.

Learn tips for a second career

The Military Officers Association and the family support center are offering “Marketing Yourself for a Second Career” 10 a.m. Wednesday, at the community activity center.

This seminar addresses the skills needed to make a smooth transition from the military to the civilian job market. Open to all DoD personnel, spouses and retirees. Seating is limited. Call the FSC at 687-7132 for reservations.

Learn how to write an effective resume

There will be a resume writing class 6 p.m. Wednesday. It is open to any military, civil service or family member who wants to learn the basics of how to build or

update a resume.

Call 687-7132 to make reservations

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 8 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserves and finance will provide information.

The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing. For more information, call them at 687-1500 or 687-6720.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs.

For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.

Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind.

Military appreciation

By Capt. Tony Wickman

71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Across

- Ottoman Empire provincial governor
- ___-jongg
- Chinese Communist leader and theorist Zedong
- Proportion
- Air University state, in short
- Sick
- Start of General Douglas MacArthur quote
- Burden of proof
- Fry briefly in high heat
- Part 2 of quote
- Anger
- Mock
- Rocky’s wife
- Enthusiastic vigor
- Part 3 of quote
- Set of computer routines in read-only memory for startup
- Bother
- RQ-1 and RQ-4 mission
- ___ Vegas
- Part 4 of quote
- Speak one’s mind

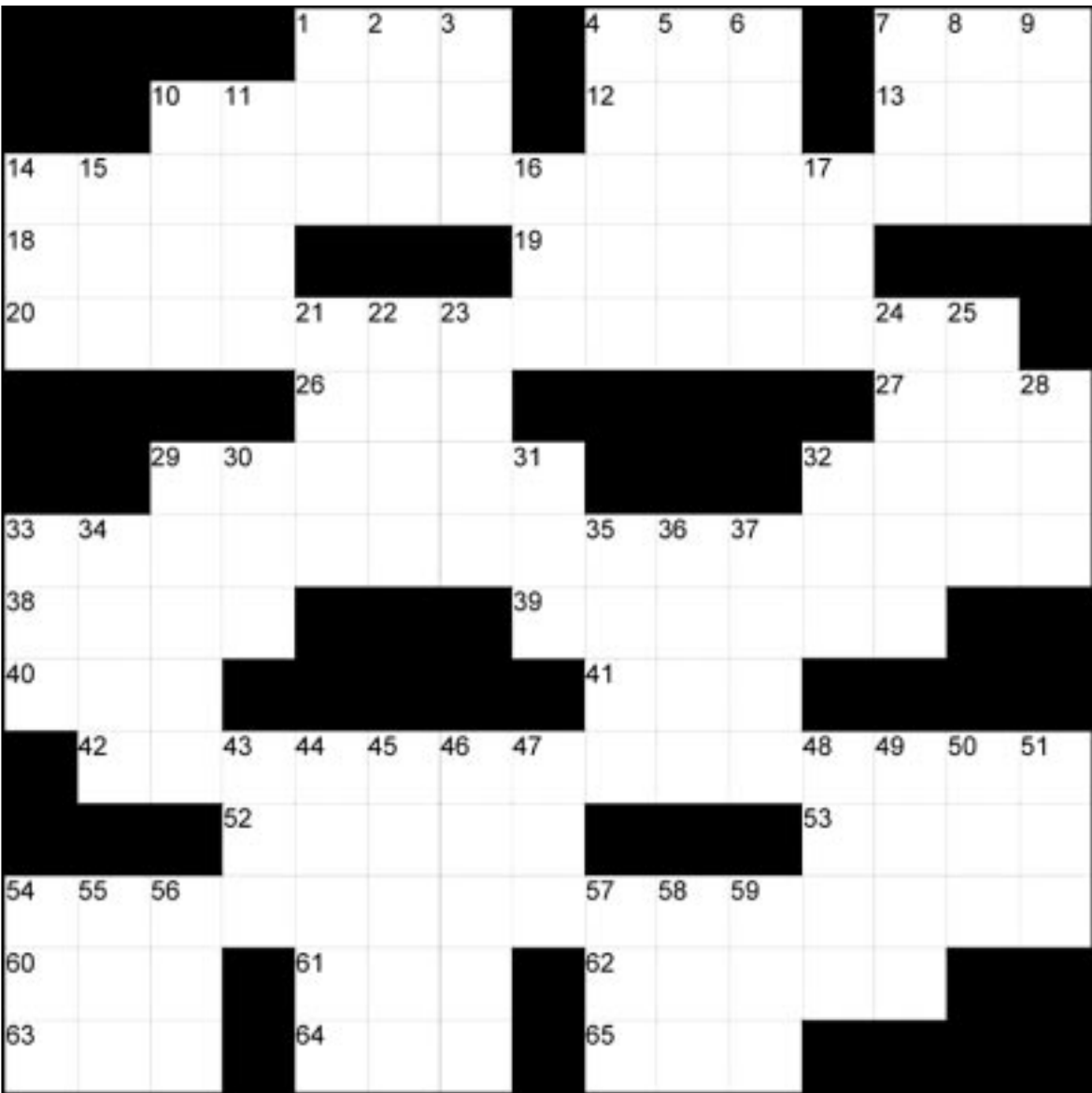


May 5 answers

- Official literary language of Pakistan
- End of quote
- A Stooze
- In debt to
- Singing group member
- Vegetable
- Standard time in seventh time zone west of Greenwich
- Toner

Down

- Prohibit
- NY Giant Manning
- Affirmative
- Airport home to Ganci Air Base
- AETC base
- Caribbean island
- USAF website ending
- Pub order
- Ancient
- Profanity
- Money
- ___ Another Teen Movie
- Lennon’s bride
- Compass point 112°30 east of due north
- Perfect score
- Ireland, formerly
- Cheese type
- Pb on Periodic Table
- Windstorms
- Health resorts
- USN rank
- Before now
- ER attendants
- Japanese dance-drama
- Golfer Ernie
- Japanese sash
- Cold-blooded aquatic vertebrate
- African country
- Russian river
- Space org.
- Strike



- Erasable and programmable read-only memory
- Watches
- Object within another
- Mild exclamation of surprise
- Gen. Anthony McAuliffe

- response to surrender at Bastogne
- Instrumental music combo
- Wedding words
- Convent denizen
- Urchin

- Shoe part
- Ocean part
- Baseball stat
- Covered or enclosed truck or wagon
- Inquire